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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Comments on General Electric Company's (GE) 30 October 2001 Proposal for Geophysical Survey – Hill 78 OPCA, GE Housatonic River Project Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced October 2001 *Proposal for Geophysical Survey – Hill 78 OPCA* (On-Plant Consolidation Area).

As discussed during the November 7, 2001 meeting in Pittsfield, EPA agreed to GE's proposal to utilize both the EM-31 and EM-61 methods for the Hill 78 electromagnetic survey. The choice of which electromagnetic survey method is employed will be determined in the field based on site conditions and potential areas of interference.

This *Proposal for Geophysical Survey – Hill 78 OPCA* is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the above referenced submittal.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional geophysical surveys or sampling at the Hill 78 OPCA and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

Mr. Silfer

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,



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